suggestions for review of the Cinematographic Act, 1952 and the Rules made thereunder. In the light of the objectives of Film Certification, the Government has advised CBFC that the stray suggestion received by CBFC regarding 'XA' (X Rating) film certification is neither desirable nor in order and therefore need not be considered.

Action against Doordarshan defaulters

*16. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Doordarshan has initiated action against private producers and agencies which owe a total of Rs. 169.28 crores;

(b) if so, the total number of private producers and agencies which have been continuously delaying payments;

(c) how much has so far, been recovered from them;

(d) in how many cases legal action has been taken; and

(e) how many, out of the defaulters, have been refused permission or extension of their programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has intimated that out of Rs. 169.28 crores, outstanding against 71 agencies (as on 31st March, 2002), Prasar Bharati has made recovery of Rs. 19.18 crore as on date. Twenty nine defaulting producers and marketing agencies are delaying payments. Prasar Bharati has further informed that in 40 cases, legal action has been initiated and 47 companies/agencies have not been allowed business with Doordarshan.

Joint venture between India and Iran

*17. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Iran have decided to takeup joint infrastructure projects in Afghanistan and other countries of the region;

(b) whether India has offered help to Iran in improving the infrastructure in large cities in Iran, such as Tehran; and

(c) if so, the details in this, regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) to (c) During the visit of Government of India delegation to Iran on the invitation from Government of Iran from 9th—11th April, 2002 some broad areas for cooperation between the two countries in the field of housing and urban development have been identified. However, the areas to be covered for mutual cooperation would need to be incorporated in the draft agreement between the two countries. This draft agreement which is to be initiated by the Iranian side has not yet been received from the Iran Government.

The broad areas identified are :

(a) Joint venture between NBCC and Iranian partners to undertake construction projects in Iran, India and third countries such as Afghanistan.

(b) Close cooperation between Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and Tehran Metro through sharing of technical experience and exchange of visits of technical experts.

(c) Development of dedicated green areas and parks in Tehran and New Delhi by Tehran Municipality and DDA with bilateral cooperation.

(d) Designate one metro city each in India and Iran as sister cities for mutual benefit in the area of municipal governance.

(e) Close technical cooperation between Building Material and Technology Promotion Council of India and Building and Housing Research Centre of Iran through exchange of technical expertise.

Further action would depend upon the submission of draft agreement by the Government of Iran, to the Government of India.

Surprise checks of CGHS dispensaries

*18. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :